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As the Bronc baseball team heads into the 1998 season the players are hard at work, gunning for a share of the conference title.

Photo by Reina Martinez



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GUSTAVO'S COMIX



EDITOR'S CORNER



Baseball is back in action, and we are first with your preview of the 1998 season. There is something about watching a baseball game in the late spring, early summer that I can not describe but really value in this life... Especially on the college level where baseball has remained a sport and not a business. I encourage you to support this team and their efforts this season. Not only will you be entertained but it is a great way to show your school spirit and enjoy the wonderful outdoors.

Thank you to the people who have shared their thoughts and comments on our first two issues. It is appreciated. Though we started a little slow, we are now in full gear and running hard.

As always if you have a comment or complaint that you would like to share feel free to drop me either a letter to the editor, or pick up the phone and call... or go the modern way and see me an e-mail at MMILAM1@panam.edu. Eventually I get around to checking my mailbox so be assured it will arrive at some point.

P.S. - A word of warning, the above situation is funny but all too true. Keep on top of your degree plan and the courses you need to take. It would be terrible to work so hard to only come up short at graduation or worse - go through the ceremony only to discover later that the university is not awarding you your degree. The responsibility is yours, so do your part and make sure your business is straight!

-Until Next Time,

M.

Funding for remedial courses has increased

AUSTIN (AP) - Funding set aside in the state budget for remedial courses at public community colleges and universities has increased 346 percent in the last decade, to a total of \$172 million for the current two-year fiscal period, according to a new report.

Of such education - now called "developmental" instead of remedial - about 54 percent is to address students' deficiencies in mathematics, 22 percent in reading and 24 percent in writing, says the report released by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Lawmakers last year approved restrictions on the amount of state funding universities and colleges can get for remedial courses. The law limits university students to six state-funded remedial courses, while those at community colleges can take nine state-funded courses.

Supporters said it was meant to spur universities to put into place remedial courses that work. That funding limitation doesn't become effective until the next budget period, because the money set aside for 1998-99 was calculated based on previous course hours, said board spokesman Ray Grasshoff.

The report released by the agency said, "From one perspective, it is desirable to implement policies that minimize funding for developmental education because they would allow institutions to focus on providing college-level instruction.

"From another perspective, constraints on funding for developmental education negatively impact access to higher education, a major state goal," it said. "Routing more high school students into a curriculum that adequately prepares them for college may be the single most important step that can reduce the costs of developmental education in higher education without affecting access."

Besides those addressing deficiencies in certain subjects, developmental courses also include those that provide an orientation to campus facilities and programs. Those courses, however, generally aren't state-funded.

Courses on such things as study skills or time management generally aren't paid for with state funds at universities but may be at community colleges, according to the agency.

Of the increase in spending for developmental education since the 1988-89 budget period, most was in public community colleges, with a leap from \$29.5 million to \$145.7 million. At public universities, the increase has been from \$9 million to \$20.9 million. The appropriation for technical colleges grew from zero to \$5.6 million.

The report said because community and technical colleges have a different mission than senior-level institutions, "it is expected and appropriate that a greater proportion of state funds for developmental education is spent in" such schools.

Community and technical colleges have an open-door admissions policy. People at community colleges are more likely to be minority, older and part-time students, and they are more likely to come from academically and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

The report said many students currently enrolling in college are "non-traditional students, for which returning to high school is not an option. Developmental education will be required for these students for the foreseeable future."

Q&A

What has been your most difficult course at UTPA?

by Reina Martinez



Ceasar Tijerina
Junior
Engineering

English 1302. The research was complicated and time consuming. The professor expected too much.



Alfonso Gonzalez
Junior
Biology

Organic Chemistry II. It is a totally different language unlike the general science courses.



Gabriela Codina
Senior
Education

Biology. There was too much information and the professor did not explain the material well.



Esther Perrill
Junior
Business

Finance. It is a lot of work. You need to study everything and it is time consuming.

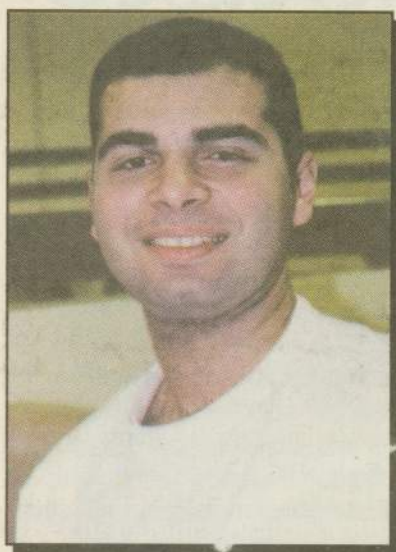


Juan Gonzalez
Junior
Marketing

English 1302. The professor I encountered wanted me to go and do the research without knowing what he wanted.

Should females face the death penalty?

According to statistics from the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the nation's death rows held 3,365 inmates as of Jan. 1. Only 49 of them were women, with Ms. Tucker among seven in Texas



Jesus Garcia
Junior
Biology

Yes. A woman should be executed if found guilty of murder. A person's sex shouldn't determine whether he or she receives a lesser sentence for their crimes. Murder is murder regardless of sex.



Kim Ortegon
Sophomore
Nursing

Yes. Women should receive the death penalty. All men are created equal. Woman have fought for equal rights for so long and now we should suffer the consequences for our actions just as men do.

HOUSTON (AP) – The first thing you notice about the tool is how heavy it is – maybe 15 or 20 pounds. The wooden handle, tapered to allow for a better grip and wrapped around the middle with black electrical tape, is about 3 feet long. Connected to a slightly arched, narrow, horizontal iron crossbar about 2 feet wide, the two pieces fused together form the shape of a large 'T.'

Karla Faye Tucker, a petite former rock band groupie and drug-addicted prostitute, flailed away with the heavy tool-turned-weapon – plunging it 10, 15, 20 times into a Houston man and woman – in a rage that she bragged gave her sexual euphoria.

Her execution in Huntsville would fulfill the wishes of a jury that in 1984 determined she was a menace to society who should be given the ultimate punishment for the carnage at a Houston apartment. But a storm of protest has erupted since the Feb. 3 date for the punishment was set last month.

Should a woman be executed? What about an inmate who has found religion? Should female and male murderers receive different treatment? Does law-and-order Gov. George W. Bush, a presidential aspirant, dare commute her sentence in a state which by far leads the nation in the number of male killers put to death?

According to statistics from the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the nation's death rows held 3,365 inmates as of Jan. 1. Only 49 of them were women, with Ms. Tucker among seven in Texas. Since executions resumed on Jan. 17, 1977, there have been 432, with Velma Barfield in North Carolina the lone female to be put to death, in 1984.

Ms. Tucker insists she's a new person, content to spend her life in prison doing God's work and being an example for young people. "I'm so far removed from the person that I used to be out there. For me, what's weird is thinking back on some of the things I used to do, and thinking, 'I did that?'"

What she has admitted to is going with a partner, Daniel Garrett, to the apartment of 27-year-old Jerry Lynn Dean, to see if they could cap three days of almost nonstop drug-taking by stealing Dean's motorcycle.

Garrett, 37 at the time of the crime, also got a death sentence, with Ms. Tucker testifying against him. He died in prison of liver disease in 1993. Having exhausted her appeals on the merits of her conviction, she may only challenge the execution on constitutional grounds.

"I deserve a big punishment," she said recently on CNN's "Larry King Live." "I personally don't believe in capital punishment." Ms. Tucker's lawyers last week filed a 150-page petition with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest criminal court, arguing the clemency process in the state is flawed.

Among their arguments: the 18 parole board members have no guidelines; they don't meet together; and Ms. Tucker doesn't get to meet with them personally to tell them how she has devoted her life to God. Ten board members must vote to recommend clemency to Bush, who may commute a death sentence only after receiving such a recommendation. If the board denies a clemency request, however, Bush can't override the ruling. A denial, by a board selected by Bush, could insulate the governor from making the call himself and allow him to deflect any political fallout.

Bush could give her a one-time, 30-day reprieve, something he has not done in his first three years in office, a time when 59 condemned Texas inmates have been put to death.

Generally, Bush said, he considers any death penalty decision an "emotional" one, but he does not believe Ms. Tucker's gender is relevant.

"My attitude is you have the death penalty or you don't. If you have the death penalty, it must be administered fairly and justly based on the facts of the crime," he said. "Gender didn't matter to the victims."



Armando de Leon
Senior
Art & History

Yes. Regardless of gender, if that person commits a capital crime they should receive the highest punishment. Woman should not be treated any differently. Women should be as equal as men.



Kristine Best
Junior
Marketing

Yes. The sex of a person should not be considered when someone is put on trial. Karla Faye Tucker committed a crime and should pay for what she did. Her claim to be a born-again Christian is no excuse either.

New master's degrees for criminal justice and nursing approved

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved two new master's degrees for UTPA on Friday. Meeting in Austin, the board approved a master of science in nursing (MSN) degree with a family nurse practitioner track and a cooperative master of science (MS) degree in criminal justice that will be operated in conjunction with UT Brownsville.

The criminal justice master's degree, which was approved by The University of Texas System Board of Regents last May, combines the resources of both universities in offering the first cooperative degree between the two institutions. Dr. Dan Dearth, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, said UTPA could enroll its first students as early as fall 1998.

"We're estimating that demand will be very strong," Dearth said. "We're looking at having 15 to 20 students initially and topping out at about 40 in all phases of the program. Our students will be predominantly criminal justice professionals with bachelor's degrees who are currently in the system and who would like to get a master's to be eligible for higher level administrative positions within their criminal justice agencies, either federal, state or local," he said.

"In fact, right now in federal probation it is impossible for students with only a bachelor's degree to get an entry-level job. We also expect a smaller number of students who plan to go on to a Ph.D. in criminal justice."

Dearth said he gets calls on a daily basis from prospective students interested in the program, which requires the completion of 36 semester credit hours of master's-level courses in criminal justice.

Each student will be admitted to a "home institution" UTPA or UT-Brownsville that will be responsible for supporting him or her in the initial stages of the program. Subsequently, the student, with advice from the graduate program director, will file a detailed plan of study that will include identifying the institution from which the majority of the courses will be taken. That designated institution will then assume responsibility for the student and will award the degree.

For some courses in the program, interactive television will be used to offer

the class at both UTPA and UT-Brownsville simultaneously. Although this will be the first master's degree offered cooperatively between the two campuses, UT-Brownsville and UTPA have a long history of working together; the Brownsville campus first opened in 1973 as a satellite campus of then-Pan American University.

The Coordinating Board also approved the master of science in nursing degree with a family nurse practitioner track for UT Pan American. The Board of Regents approved the proposal in August. The curriculum for the new track builds on the existing master of science in nursing program, and it includes a minimum of 750 hours of supervised clinical practice. Students admitted to the program will be required to have a minimum of one year of experience as a practicing registered nurse prior to admission.

Dr. Barbara Tucker, graduate program coordinator and associate professor of nursing, who is herself a nurse practitioner, said the advanced practice nurse is "an essential component of delivery of primary health care to the individuals in the Valley.

A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse who has advanced education and clinical training in a health care specialty. Nurse practitioners can serve as primary health care providers for children and adults during health and illness. Tucker said nurse practitioners work in collaboration with a physician, and can greatly extend the number of patients being seen in both rural and urban areas.

UTPA's new family nurse practitioner track will require 45 to 48 semester credit hours of work, depending on whether the student chooses the thesis or non-thesis options, and more than 700 hours of "hands-on" clinical experience in providing direct patient care through preceptorships with nurse practitioners and physicians in the area.

Tucker said the job outlook for nurse practitioners is excellent. "There are openings all over the Valley, and the pay is very good," she said. "There are numerous opportunities right now for nurse practitioners in rural clinics."

-Dr. Dan Dearth

-University Relations

Hundreds of abortion foes rally to commemorate

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of abortion foes rallied at the Capitol Saturday, commemorating the 25th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and promising that the fight to overturn the landmark abortion ruling is not over.

"The challenge before us is daunting, but it is a challenge that we must never give up on," said Susan Weddington, chairwoman of the Republican Party of Texas. "We have allowed a culture of death to thrive in our country. It began with a court ruling called Roe v. Wade."

Ms. Weddington said there has been progress in turning back the Supreme Court's Jan. 22, 1973, decision that said a woman's access to abortion was covered by the constitutional right to privacy.

"The evidence is seen in the eyes of every child that has been born and not aborted since abortion was made legal by a renegade Supreme Court," Ms. Weddington said. "Our progress is evident by the majority of the courts that put restrictions on abortion." But, Ms. Weddington added that, "We will not

see significant changes until we resurrect a culture that has an appreciation for life."

The statewide rally, "Roe vs. Wade: 25 Years of Tears," featured abortion activists carrying signs and

"What has not changed since 1973 to this very day is that a large majority of Americans do not want the government, or people marching in Austin right now, to tell them what to do."

chanting.

"We are not defeated," said Chris Maska, president of the Great Austin Right to Life. "There are many signs of hope. The polls take a picture of America that is increasingly pro-life. ... Nationally we are on the brink of banning partial birth abortions."

About 30 supporters of abortion rights held a counterprotest outside the Capitol gates during the rally. "I could not stand by when so many women have been saved by Roe v. Wade," said activist Kyre Osburn. There were no confrontations between the opposing groups.

Sarah Weddington, the lawyer who successfully argued Roe vs. Wade, said the rally illustrated that even after 25 years, abortion-rights supporters cannot become complacent.

"I hope people around the state do pay attention to this march and it will remind them of the challenges we face in keeping abortion safe and legal,"

Ms. Weddington, who is no relation to Susan Weddington, said from her Austin office.

Ms. Weddington said anti-abortion groups have become more organized and well funded over the years.

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JANUARY

29 CLUB MEETING: Juventud Hispana (Spanish Club) at Noon in CAS 349.

29 - 31 PLAY: YERMA, sponsored by ACTUE, at 1 p.m. (Friday at 1 and 7:30, Saturday at 7:30) in the LRC Media Theatre.

29 GAMES/CONTESTS: Noon - 1 p.m. in the UC Circle. Sponsored by University Program Board.

29 - Feb 2 EXHIBIT: 29 prints in the Library lobby.

30 INTRAMURAL: Entries due for free throw and 3-point contests for both men and women.

30 INTRAMURAL: Entries due for 4 on 4 co-ed volleyball.

31 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Sam Houston State (two games) at 1 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

FEBRUARY

1 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Sam Houston State (two games) at Noon at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

5 LOCAL BAND: "Flesh In Grace" from Noon to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle. Sponsored by UPB.

5 BASKETBALL: Broncs vs. Western Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

7 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Lamar University at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

10 SPEAKER: Rae Lewis-Thornton on AIDS Awareness 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

11 BASKETBALL: Broncs vs. Arkansas State at 7:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

13 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Incarnate Word (two games) at 2 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

13 INTRAMURAL: Entries due for racquetball for men, women and co-ed divisions.

13 INTRAMURAL: Entries due for 3 on 3 wallyball for both men and women's divisions.

13 INTRAMURAL: Entries due for 5 on 5 basketball for men and women's and divisions.

14 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Incarnate Word (two games) at 1 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

14 Concert: Mariachi and Folkloric Dance Company, "Alegria 1997-98", at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

14 TENNIS: Broncs vs. Southwest Texas State at 10 a.m. at Cox Tennis Stadium.

14 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Louisiana Tech at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

15 Concert: Mariachi and Folkloric Dance Company, "Alegria 1997-98", at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

19 POOL TOURNAMENT: Cash prizes, sponsored by UPB, 2-5 p.m. in UC Rec. room.

19 BASKETBALL: Broncs vs. South Alabama at 7:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

20 INTRAMURAL: Entries due for softball for men, women and co-ed divisions.

21 Concert: Mariachi and Folkloric Dance Company, "Alegria 1997-98", at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

21 BASKETBALL: Broncs vs. University of New Orleans at 7:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

22 Concert: Mariachi and Folkloric Dance Company, "Alegria 1997-98", at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

27 INTRAMURAL: Entries due for badminton for men, women and co-ed divisions.

27 Concert: Mariachi and Folkloric Dance Company, "Alegria 1997-98", at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

28 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. UT-San Antonio (two games) at 1 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

28 Concert: Mariachi and Folkloric Dance Company, "Alegria 1997-98", at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

28 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Western Kentucky at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

MARCH

1 BASEBALL: Broncs vs UT San Antonio (two games) at 1 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

6 BASEBALL: Broncs vs Jacksonville (two games) at 4 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

7 BASEBALL: Broncs vs Jacksonville at 1 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

7 CONCERT: "The Love Concert" No. 1 Beatles show in the world, sponsored by UPB, 8 - 11 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

12 COMEDY SHOWCASE: Billy "D" Washington and Carlos Mencia, sponsored by UPB, 7:30 - 9:30 p. m. in the Media Theater.

14 TRACK: Men and Women's Outdoor Track host home meet vs Southwest Texas State and Sam Houston State at UTPA campus track and field.

16 - 21 Spring Break.

26 FAIR: Women's Fair - Music in the Circle, sponsored by UPB, 11 to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle.

APRIL

2 MAGIC: Steve Trash, environmental magician, sponsored by UPB, Noon to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle.

6 DEADLINE: for filing an application for degree with Admissions office for students expecting to graduate in December.

9 PLAY DAY: UTPA play day with games and prizes, sponsored by UPB, Noon to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle.

11 PICNIC: Parent-child picnic. Magicians, games, food and Easter egg hunt, sponsored by UPB, 2 - 5 p.m. in the UC Circle.

16 TOURNAMENT: Putt-O-Rama, sponsored by UPB, 11 to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle.

30 TALENT SHOWCASE: Open microphone for students, staff and faculty, sponsored by UPB, Noon to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle.

MAY

5 CINCO DE MAYO: May 5 Celebration with live music and food, sponsored by UPB, 11 to 1 p.m. in the UC Circle.

FOR INFORMATION

Art Department	381-3480
Athletic Department	381-2221
Folkloric Dance Company	381-2220
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
UTPA Theatre Box Office	381-3581

If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to CAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance.

New recruitment director faces challenges of a competing campus



With a focus on the positive aspect of the UTPA campus, new recruitment director Darin Scott hopes to increase enrollment despite competition from STCC.

With the increase of enrollment at South Texas Community College, some may say that Darin Scott, the university's new director of the Office of Student Recruitment and Orientation, has his work cut out for him. But with eyes that target the idea of students as customers and contributors to the university community, rather than annoying kids with redundant questions, Scott already knows which key belongs to every consumer's heart....customer service.

"We're going to be targeting areas where we've never gone before," explains Scott. "We've never had competition until several years ago, because we were the only school in the area."

As the former senior admissions administrator at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Scott says he will try to increase enrollment through his recruitment efforts which are "more customer service oriented."

"Our counselors will go over to STCC, counseling and providing financial assistance questions to students, especially those who are nearing their 64 hour transfer point," he explains. "That way, those students get firsthand information from us instead of having to come over here or call."

As the university's new recruitment director, one of his job duties includes planning and facilitating the university's largest visitation program - Preview Day.

"We'll be inviting about 700 prospective students to the campus to learn about the programs and what we offer for their success here on campus," he said.

Scott says he thinks the trend of going to STCC first rather than UTPA has bottomed down and will eventually even out.

"We're going to be doing cooperative programs with STCC and working with them," he says. "We're going to build a little better repore with the STCC people."

Even though STCC may be growing in numbers, Scott remarks on one of the favorable selling points of UTPA.

"The school is growing...it's not just staying where it's at," he said. "We're actually growing and expanding and I'm excited to be a part of all this."

-Holly Meisel / The Pan American



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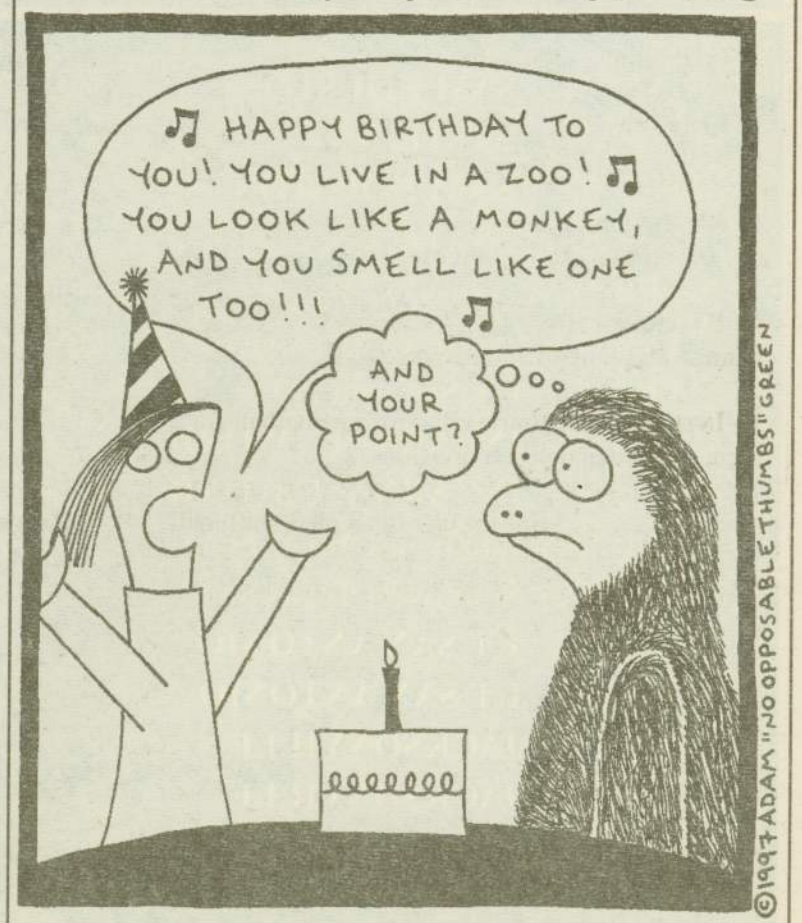
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- Female
- Patriot Allen
- Last Greek letter
- Actor Holbrook
- Henry, the sculptor
- Large, sports stadium
- Football kicks
- Small snake
- Corridor
- Falseness
- Brief moment
- Very angry speeches
- Comprehension
- Buffalo
- Improvise
- Solidify
- Male cats
- Abominable snowmen
- Niger's neighbor
- Have debts
- Habitual failure to appear
- Encourages in wrongdoing
- Chair-maker's material
- Digging devices
- Clinton's veep
- Interviewer Dick
- Eschew
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- Prevent
- Stop shooting!
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- New England cape
- A subject of Caesar
- Go in
- Harper Valley
- Embossed emblems

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- Raton, FL
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- Coarse seaweed
- Self image
- African caftan
- Outcropping
- Drag along
- Shade tree
- Beethoven's fifth concerto
- Bird with a big beak
- Sharpened
- Musician Shaw
- Prepares to lay eggs
- Restraining device
- Calamitous
- Big blue birds
- Related product
- As far as
- Farming device
- Gentle
- Computer memory units
- Comes out on top
- Trot or gallop
- "Born Free" lioness
- Paint a picture with words
- Allot
- Helper in
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- Profit makers
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- Writing tools
- Top off
- Adversary

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SOME JOKEs ARE ALWAYS LOST ON CERTAIN AUDIENCES





TOP ROW: Mike Holder, Brian Cretton, Omar Oritz, Jim Bo Porter, Jason Bottenfield, Kyle Adams, Scott Green, Saul Galan, Mike Ruiz, Jason Thompson, Mike Cox and Thomas Rohan

MIDDLE ROW: Tony Gonzalez, T.D. Taylor, John Bailey, Seth Tomlin, Andy Adams, A.J. Seaholm, Oziel Ortiz, Sergio Pompa, Aaron Lakey, Sam Price, Rick Valdez, and Chris Aguilar

FRONT ROW: Jeff Moore, Gabe de la Garza, Trevor Tully, Matt Peters, Assistant Coach Mick Tosch, Assistant Coach Scott Wright, Head Coach Reggie Tredaway, Assistant coach Mike Brown, Team Manager Jamie Perez, Steve Garza, Leo Salinas, and Oscar Cruz

UTPA 1998 Baseball Schedule

JAN. 31 **SAM HOUSTON STATE**
 FEB. 1 **SAM HOUSTON STATE**
 FEB. 6 Texas A&M
 FEB. 7 Texas A&M
 FEB. 8 UT San Antonio
 FEB. 13 **INCARNATE WORD**
 FEB. 14 **INCARNATE WORD**
 FEB. 21 Southwest Texas State
 FEB. 22 Southwest Texas State
 FEB. 28 **UT SAN ANTONIO**
 MAR. 1 **UT SAN ANTONIO**
 MAR. 6 **JACKSONVILLE**
 MAR. 7 **JACKSONVILLE**
 MAR. 13 Louisiana Tech.

MAR. 14 Louisiana Tech.
 MAR. 20 Western Kentucky
 MAR. 21 Western Kentucky
 MAR. 27 **SOUTH ALABAMA**
 MAR. 28 **SOUTH ALABAMA**
 APR. 3 Univ. Southwestern Louisiana
 APR. 4 Univ. Southwestern Louisiana
 APR. 7 St. Mary's
 APR. 10 **UNIV. OF NEW ORLEANS**
 APR. 11 **UNIV. OF NEW ORLEANS**

APR. 18 Lamar
 APR. 19 Lamar
 APR. 24 **ARKANSAS STATE**
 APR. 25 **ARKANSAS STATE**
 APR. 27 Southwest Texas State
 APR. 28 UT San Antonio
 MAY 2 **ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK**
 MAY 3 **ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK**
 MAY 13-16 Sun Belt Conference Tournament

HOME GAMES ALL BOLD

BASEBALL PREVIEW 1998

"We are in the process of rebuilding the team after losing 13 letter winning players from the 1997 roster. We are excited about the transition with the young team..."

-Reggie Tredaway

The UTPA Bronc Baseball squad kicks off the 1998 season this weekend under the command of new head coach Reggie Tredaway. Tredaway assumed the duties of head coach after 24 years as top assistant to Coach Al Ogletree who retired after last season. Coach Tredaway played for the Broncs.

from 1969 to 1971, when he

Broncs went to the college World Series.

"We are in the process of rebuilding the team after losing 13 letter winning players from the 1997 roster. We are excited about the transition with the young team but since we have so many new players that we are trying to get ready for the season, I have not had time to think too much about next year's schedule," said Coach Tredaway.

The Broncs won 31 games last season, with a 14-12 conference record. Omar Ortiz, of Brownsville's Hanna High School is the only returning starting pitcher for the Broncs. Ortiz is a sophomore with a major league change up and an impressive

fastball.

"We have a new team with a lot of junior college transfers, but we feel we can play well against any of the teams in the conference. We have a strong hitting team and with coach Tredaway's help we are starting to come together," said Jeff Moore, Communication major and returning Bronc left fielder.

The Sun Belt Conference holds a NCAA baseball RPI ranking of third in the nation.

"RPI ranking is a computer generated ranking that numerically ranks the 30 NCAA conferences in the nation, due to toughness of schedule and many

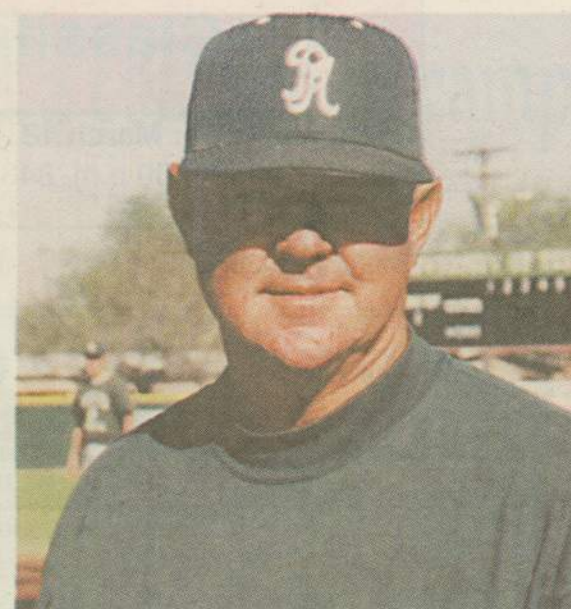
other factors. This is important because we (Sun Belt Conference) moved in front of the PAC 10 with last seasons rankings," said

Jeff Reynolds, Assistant Director of Media Services for the

Sun Belt Conference.

The Broncs open the season Saturday at 1:00 p.m. with a doubleheader against Sam Houston State in Jody Ramsey Stadium. After this weekend the next two series on the schedule for the Broncs are away, starting with a series at Texas A&M, and followed by a doubleheader at UT San Antonio. The next home stand for the Broncs will be February 13 & 14 when they will play a series against Incarnate Word College.

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ABOVE: Reggie Tredaway heads into his first season as the head coach. With a tough division but plenty of talent, this longtime Bronc is excited about the upcoming season.



ABOVE: As the season gets underway this weekend the Bronc baseball team has been hitting the practice field hard. Working through the rust of the off-season, the players must find the rhythm and timing that it takes to execute on the field.

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Man fights for right to smell bad

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A man sprayed liquefied chicken manure on the home of the New York's highest court to protest what he says is the unfair treatment of men in child custody cases and of corruption in the judicial system.

The mirrored sign on the floor says "SHOW US YOURS." A collection of artists take the message to heart this month in an exhibit of underwear art at Southern Illinois University. The exhibit is designed to get people thinking about sexuality,

and about the role of fashion as art, said organizer Michael Beam.

When students at Scotts Valley Middle School in California saw \$1 bills lying crumpled on school grounds, they snatched them up to buy Twinkies and other snacks. Unfortunately, the bills were fake. Police say a 14-year-old boy used a color computer scanner to make at least a dozen counterfeit bills.

A St. John's University swimmer whose trunks fell off during a tournament continues to get plenty of exposure. Matt Zelen will appear on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." Zelen, 21, of Duluth, an Olympic hopeful, attracted national attention after he forgot to tie his trunks before a race. The gun went off, he dived in, his trunks slid down, and he kicked them off. He was naked the rest of the race. He won, but was disqualified for violating the uniform code.

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Music Review

BOB RIVERS' TWISTED TUNES



Bob Rivers
'Twisted Tunes Volume 1'
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by Josue I. Gonzalez

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Yes, you can be weird and make Money while *Unsound Methods* Brings a dark, haunting vibe to life

Bob Rivers enjoys popular music. In fact he likes it so much he took those very songs that were playing across our airwaves and rerecorded them. But unlike your average cover that adheres to the lyrics and story of the song, Rivers in his amusing madness wrote new words.

With the release of *Twisted Tunes Volume 1* Bob Rivers can be crowned this decades Weird Al... As if anyone would strive for that sort of recognition!

Songs such as *Free As A Turd* -covering the classic *Free Bird*, *Middle Age Waistline* - a great cover of the Who's *Teenage Wasteland*, should give one the idea of what Bob Rivers is all about... Actually what these songs are like. For are we know Bob Rivers is an escaped lunatic who locked himself inside of the studio and made these very strange tunes.

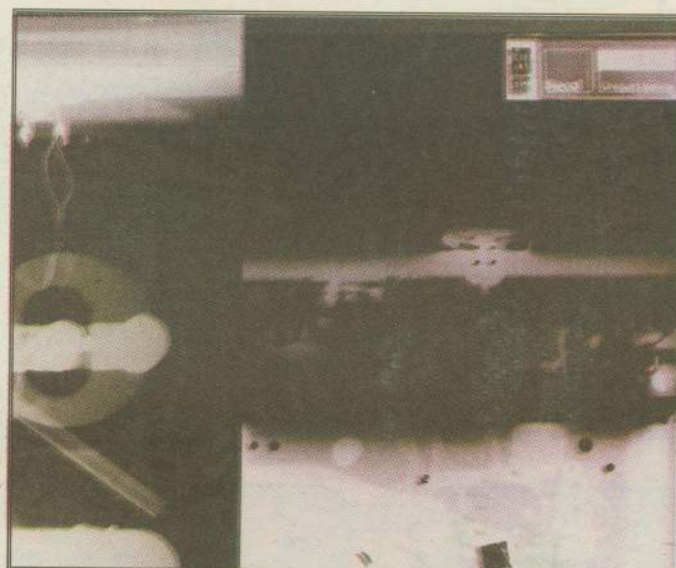
In between laughing I could not help

notice how the Rivers' versions sounded really good - almost like the original artist. Additionally, Rivers picked a variety of styles and eras from which he picked. From the *Beatles* to *Soundgarden*, every corner gets poked at on this recording.

Already sitting on my desk is the next installment of the *Twisted Tunes* series. I would ask if anybody really could pull this off but I guess Bob Rivers' and his career is all the proof anyone would need!

I enjoyed this album but like comedy albums, after a few listens you get bored with it... old jokes after all are not funny very rapidly, and well - the same goes for funny songs!

-Mark M. Milam



RECOIL

'Unsound
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As a member of *Depeche Mode*, Alan Wilder helped create some of the best music of an era. Now with his new project *Recoil*, Wilder ventures down a stark, haunting world in *Unsound Methods*.

The release is *Recoil's* debut on Reprise, and the first effort that Wilder has offered in many years. Leaving *Depeche Mode* in 1995, many considered Wilder's career over but he did not fade away... but rather explored a new side to the energies he had built up during that break.

The album is haunting yet moving as it weaves a texture of mentally

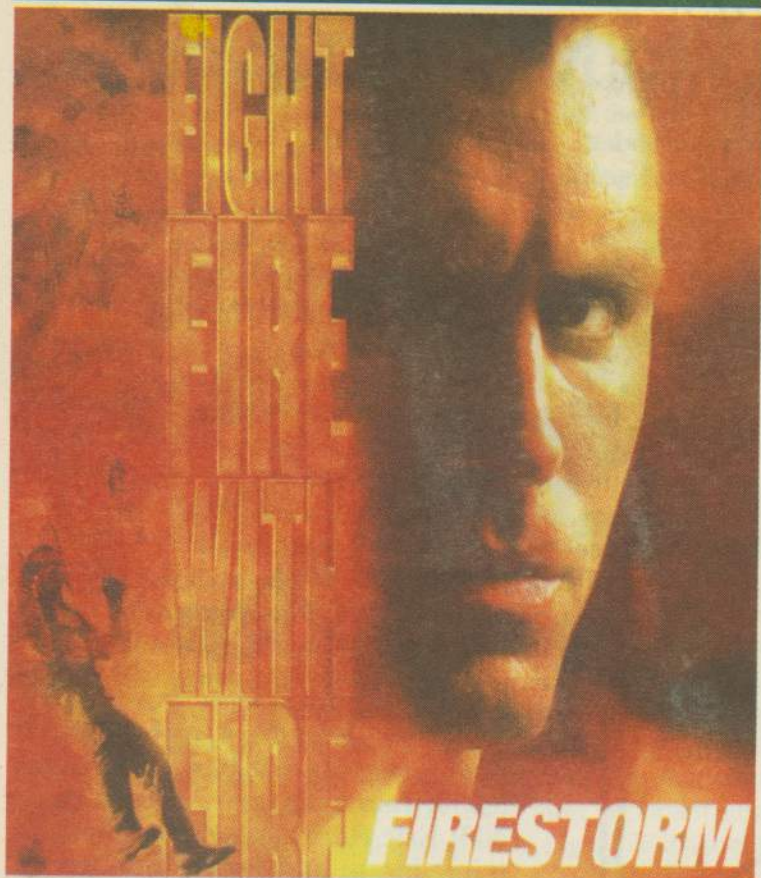
and lyrical imagery over delicate compositions. Featuring many guest musicians, such as Douglas McCarthy of *Nitzer Ebb*, Maggie Estep- a spoken word artist, and vocalist Hildia Campbell, the album is loaded with talent and style.

Highlights of the album include *Incubus* - a dark opener whose inspiration comes from the classic film, *Apocalypse Now*. Also the bluesy, sultry tune *Red River Cargo* is an excellent song.

A great album that is full of depth and intrigue. Highly recommended for your collection.

-Mark M. Milam

Movie Review



In the rage of the fire a Good movie prevails

When everyone else flees from a forest fire, fearless smokejumpers (firemen and firewomen) actually parachute into the raging blaze. In this movie, Jesse Graves (played by Howie Long, ex football great) is called to parachute into the throat of a massive firestorm to battle and outsmart convicted murderer Earl Shaye (played by William Forsythe who recently played in *Conair*).

In the middle of a very dry season, Shaye and a few conspirators set the firestorm which would become part of their daring escape plan. Posing as firefighters, they rescue Jennifer (played by Suzy Amis, recently seen in *Titanic*), an ornithologist, who was caught in the surrounding blaze after a day of bird observation. Little did she know that she hadn't been saved at all.

Caught in all the action, Wynt (played by Scott Glenn, who starred in *Absolute Power*), the head smokejumper who planned to retire due to an injury, hears

that his most trusted jumper has descended into the fire to rescue a stranded group of firefighters. He ends up getting more involved than he had previously wished.

FIRESTORM was based on the true story of the Yellowstone fire in 1988 which is still called 'The Big One' and on the real life jobs of smokejumpers whose all-to-regular occurrence is to parachute into fires when all other accesses are unavailable.

This film reflects the all too sad reality of nature's fate when in bad, careless hands and the very brave people who fight to protect it. The movie was filmed in the beautiful wilderness of Vancouver, Canada and is filled with spectacular fire effects similar to those in *Backdraft*. It's a great movie for all those who admire firefighters in action.

-Nathalie Chagnon / The Pan American

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'Hitting the Boards'

with Mark M. Milam

And with a resounding thud the Green Bay Packer bandwagon came to a crash. Down went the mealy mouth, over confident defending champions. In the wake of the impact the hordes of cheese heads went scrambling, some crushed under their braggart predictions and up country swagger. But even better than that...

John Elway killed the curse, no more legacy of failure in the big game, Johnny and the Denver Broncos are wearing some rings! In one afternoon John Elway cemented a career that was little in doubt but had been shortchanged in the respect department. You can also turn a new page in the record books, be sure to title it AFC, and skip several pages because the tide that had been plugged for 13 years is rolling out the dike.

At last the AFC representative played the heads-up, smash mouth football that has been the staple of the NFC. Using a tight ball control game plan of passing to set up the run, executing the blitz effectively, and by capitalizing on turnovers, the Broncos played NFC style. This should not have been surprising to anyone with any NFL sense. For a few years now, commencing with the free agent era, the AFC has started to mimic the NFC in many ways. Both in schemes, use of talent, coaching, and in general an attitude that while is reminiscent of their opposing conference, was the very nature of the American League prior to their merger with the National Football league.

One can blame or thank free agency and the swollen salary cap for that one. With players moving from here to there like a gang of streetwalkers, and coaches and assistants following the stink trail of money or looking for places to bury pink slips, this parity trend should continue... and if that continues to produce Super Bowls such as Sunday's game, that is okay with me.

Like many of the Bronco supporters, I can not help but be excited and honored to see John Elway win this game after so many years and disappointments. He is a fine player who seems to represent the hallmark of a classy gentleman and athlete. Does not matter who your team is you have to give it up for Elway. Point to him and say that is who I want to be like when I'm on the field.

Now the questions must be asked of Elway and the Broncos... Did Elway just play his last game? What better way to go out than as the leader of the championship team. Can the Denver organization keep the team together? We know what happens to Super Bowl winners, everyone wants your guys, like somehow they might have just a touch of that magic that gets one to the biggest game of the year! If your quarterback goes who do you replace him with? Could very dark and miserable seasons lie past the glory of this moment in Denver? Ahhhhh! Too much to ask now!

Enjoy it Denver, you earned it and I give you a mile high salute... One last thing - How much longer until next season?

-Mark M. Milam

Track teams take sixth and seventh Indoors at Red Raider Invitational

LUBBOCK—Gonzalo Gonzalez and Dawne Hill took fifth and sixth in the weight throw to lead UTPA at the Red Raider Invitational Indoor Track Meet that ended late Saturday.

David Handy ran sixth in the 800 meter and Joe Medina got ninth in the 3,000 for two of UWA's other best marks. Host Texas Tech swept the women's title with 141 points to Texas-El Paso's 111. Next came UT-

San Antonio 92, Southwest Texas State 53, North Texas 42 and UTPA 28 in NCAA Division I.

Texas tied Texas Tech for the men's crown, each with 141 points. Next came

UT-El Paso 71, UT-San Antonio 47, North Texas

36, Southwest Texas State 35 and UTPA 27.

Other top performances by UTPA in its first 1998

meet were David Haughton, eighth in the long jump; Joe Medina, ninth in the 3,000; Jaime Guzman, 10th in the 400; Eric Rodriguez, 10th in the triple jump; and Amber Bonnet, 10th in the weight throw.

-UTPA Sports Reports



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Foul trouble and missed shots help Lamar past Broncos, 63-49

Ronald Nunnery led the Lamar Cardinals in a 63-49 victory over the Broncos Saturday at the UTPA Fieldhouse with 29 points and 11 rebounds.

The Broncos, sans their third leading scorer and fourth leading rebounder, Ivan Ostarcevic, suffered from poor shooting in the second half and from foul trouble. Senior Keli'i Bandmann, sophomore Matt Palmquist, and freshman Micah McAdams, chalked up three fouls each by the end of the first half.

The Broncos led at the half, 31-29, and traded or kept the lead with Lamar for about the first four minutes of the second half, but with 15:37 left, Marlone Jackson of the Cardinals nailed a jumper, giving Lamar the lead, a lead which they never relinquished.

Bandmann, with the fifth highest three-point average in the Sun Belt Conference, fouled out with 13:29 left in the game.

The Broncos trailed the Cardinals by five with 4:04 left in the game, but Palmquist committed his fifth foul and three seconds later senior Shannon Howard, with the sixth highest three-point average in the SBC, was charged with his fifth foul. After the loss of these two players, Lamar went on a 13-5 run that sealed the victory for the Cardinals.

Despite the foul trouble, the Broncos' three-point shooting, their up-tempo style of play, and their press produced some beautiful plays.

In the first half, with 11:51 left, Howard nailed a three pointer from six to eight feet from the arc, tying the game 10-10.

With 9:13 left, sophomore Larry Jackson, ranked seventh in scoring in the SBC with a 16.3 point average, stopped a Cardinal fast break with a steal, drove for a layup, and drew a charge from Lamar's Nunnery. He proceeded to sink both free throws.

With 2:41 left, junior Lalo Rios drove through the Cardinal defense to put in a layup. In the second half, with 8:38 left, Jackson made a steal and fed it to Thompson. He was fouled, but sank the free throw. About 24 seconds later, Palmquist fed Jackson at the post who scored two.

With 7:33 left in the game, the Bronco's press, a beautiful and powerful weapon when working, caused Cardinal Rod Jones to travel.

While Nunnery had an excellent game for the Cardinals, the rest of his team had a less than stellar evening. Lamar's second highest scorer was Frank Obudo with seven points. He also pulled down six rebounds.

Sophomore Larry Jackson led the Broncos with 20 points, five rebounds and three steals. Howard added nine points. Lab Rios sunk six points and had four steals.

-Anthony Caskey / The Pan American

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Mistakes on both ends of the court hurt the Broncos against Lamar.



TOP: Larry Jackson hesitates before sending up the shot.



RIGHT: Jackson cuts through the trap of Lamar on his way to the basket.

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